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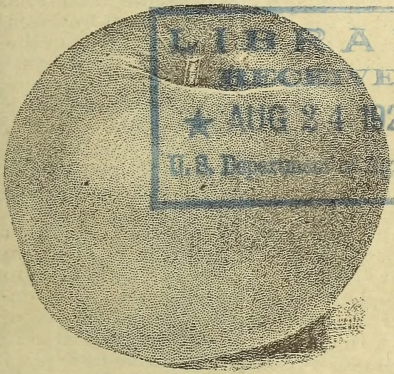

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GREENVILLE, OHIO.

E. ⁘ M. ⁘ BUECHLY,

PROPRIETOR.

DOWNING'S

WINTER MAIDEN BLUSH.

HISTORY.

This fine apple was produced from seed of the Fall Maiden Blush by Jason Downing, in Darke County, Ohio, in the Spring of 1874. It made a vigorous growth, and at the age of 7 years it bore some excellent fruit. From which time it has produced fruit annually. In 1888, at the age of 14 years from seed, it yielded 15 bushels of picked apples. We have been noting the behavior of this apple for the past 10 years, growing it both in nursery and orchard, and from the weight of testimony in its favor, we have decided to grow it in quantities to supply the increased demand. A number of parties in the neighborhood of Mr. Downing are setting from 30 to 75 trees of this kind. This alone is proof that the apple where known is appreciated.

DESCRIPTION.

Fruit large, irregular, sometimes flattened and at other times slightly elongated, inclining to conic; generally angular, skin light waxen yellow, with a bright red cheek in the sun; stock short, usually projecting half as high as cavity, though in a few specimens it projects to its surface and beyond, inserted in a deep cavity, often surrounded with russet; calyx small, basin of moderate depth, flesh yellowish, crisp, tender, juicy, with a very pleasant, mild, subacid flavor. It has a very fragrant odor; quality very good. Season December to April. Tree a good grower and bearer.

Will Supersede Some Popular Varieties.

F. R. Palmer, Mansfield, Ohio.—The Winter Maiden Blush is a good desert

apple, and I should say a good apple for culinary purposes, and an apple that will, when known, take the place or supersede some varieties now popular.

Keeps Well Until April.

Brandt, O., August 26th, 1889—During the month of April, 1889, I saw and tasted the fruit of the Winter Maiden Blush. The apple then was in good condition, and in flavor equal to the Fall Maiden Blush.—Hiram Brown, of D. & H. Brown.

Almost an Exact Copy of Its Parent.

Green Castle, Ind., Dec 15, 1888.—Gents: The first object which attracted my attention on entering the exhibition room of the Ohio State Horticultural Society, at Troy, was a splendid dish, as I supposed, of cold storage Maiden's Blush apples, with all the beauty of that elegant Autumn variety in the prime of its season. This delusion I labored under until a critical examination revealed my mistake. Since my return home I have applied a still more critical test of the qualities of this apple and find it to be the almost identical counterpart, except in time of maturity, of its parent, the ever-popular Maiden's Blush.—W. H. Ragan, Secretary of A. H. S.

Destined to Become a Standard Sort.

I have examined the Downing Winter Maiden Blush and am much pleased with it. The appearance is first-class, the flavor superior, and has good keeping qualities. It is destined to become a standard apple.—Jas. M Williams, M. D., Hollansburgh, O, Sept. 18, 1889

Worthy of Extensive Cultivation.

Hollansburgh, O., Sept. 18, 1889—This is to certify that I have examined and tested Downing's Winter Maiden Blush, find it possesses fine flavor and excellent

quality, and is a variety which I think is worthy of extensive propagation and cultivation.—A. J. Downing, Druggist and Pharmacist.

Good Quality and Fine Appearance.

We have seen Jason Downing's new seedling apple, and can state that it is of good quality and fine appearance, somewhat resembling Fall Maiden Blush, of which it is a seedling. It is, however, a Winter apple, and has good keeping qualities.—W. N. Kinsey, of Kinsey & Co's. Nurseries.

At Least as Good as its Parent.

R. J. Black, the noted Horticulturist, of Bremen, O., says: It is at least as good as its parent, beautiful, good size, and good flavor, and possessing a very fine perfume.

A Most Beautiful Fruit and Suits His Taste Exactly.

Samuel Miller, a noted fruit grower of Bluffton, Mo., writes as follows: Your letter received and the box with the apples in excellent trim. Have eaten one and we all pronounce it excellent. It is a most beautiful fruit and suits my taste exactly.

As Handsome a Plate of Apples As he Ever Saw.

Covington, Ohio, January 16th, 1889.—E. M Buechly, Greenville, Ohio, Dear Sir:—I will now write you in regard to the new seedling apple, of which I saw a large plateful at Troy, Dec. 12, 1888, and can testify to their beauty. They were smooth, free from specks, were as handsome a plate of apples as I ever looked upon. We found the meat white and solid and sufficiently juicy, and the core small. The quality proved to be 'way up—very good—fine grained, pleasant, subacid. I have seen the trees growing in the nursery, as fine trees as I ever saw,

and an older tree of bearing age, had a fine form, twigs strong and bright, foliage extra good. I certainly regard this new variety as a good one and worthy of introduction.—W. S. Perry.

Tadmor, O., Dec. 19th, 1888.—E. M. Buechly, Greenville, Ohio, My Dear Sir: I have sampled the Winter Maiden Blush Apple handed me by you, and find it of magnificent form and appearance, greatly resembling the Autumn Maiden Blush, smooth and nice and of fine flavor. If the tree is hardy, certainly an important addition to our fruits.—N. H. Albaugh, Albaugh Nursery Co.

Geo. W. Campbell, ex-Secretary O. State Hort. Soc.: I think the apple a handsome, pleasant flavored and good one.

N. Ohmer, Dayton, O., says: It is a very good apple.

Wm. Gaines, of Hoover & Gaines Co., Dayton, O.: Think the Downing's Winter Maiden Blush a promising apple.

J. G. Bidderbock, of Millersburg, O., says of it: A very good apple, worthy of cultivation, undoubtedly.

W. J. Green, Horticulturist of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, says under date of Dec. 13, 1888, Troy, O.: I have just eaten of the Winter Maiden Blush and find the quality to be excellent.

Waterville, O., Jan. 10, 1889.—E. M. Buechly, Greenville, Ohio, Dear Sir: I ate the sample of Winter Maiden Blush you gave me and found it of very good quality, with a somewhat tougher skin than the common Maiden Blush, which will make it a better shipper If the tree is all right, it will be a valuable variety.—W. W. Farnsworth, Sec. Ohio State Horticultural Society.

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To wit: Be it remembered, that on the 17th day of August, Anno Domini, 1889, JASON DOWNING, of New Madison, Darke County, Ohio, has deposited in this office the title of a Photograph, the title or description of which is in the following words, to-wit:

DOWNING'S

WINTER MAIDEN'S BLUSH.

ITS ORIGIN, ETC.

The right thereof he claims as designer and proprietor in conformity with the laws of the United States respecting copyrights.

Signed: A. B. SPOFFORD,
Librarian of Congress.

(The above is a True Copy of Copyright of Downing's Winter Maiden Blush.)

A fine stock of this variety of trees grown, and for sale at Buechly's Nurseries, Greenville, Ohio.

And by

Trees 5 to 6 feet, 50 cents each.